

CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ WAIVER REQUEST
☐ RECONSIDERATION REQUEST

DATE: 1/24/2022

DOCKET#: 2022-071

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Robert Owsley
Office: City Judge, City Court, City of Natchitoches
Parish: NATCHITOCHES
Election Date: 11/3/2020
Level of Office: District

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 10-G
Original Due Date: 11/25/2020
Date Filed: 12/3/2020
Activity Receipts: \$1.46
Expenditures: \$2,566.98
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$3,627.20

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$480
Days Late: 8
Late Fee Order Received: 3/1/2021
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 3/22/2021
Waiver Request Received: 3/17/2021
Additional Information Requested:
X - Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: Mr. Lee Waskom has acted as Treasurer for Robert Owsley in his campaign for Natchitoches City Court Judge, filing his campaign reports timely. Unfortunately, his entire family was diagnosed with COVID) on November 18, 2020. This included his wife, child and grandchildren as well as himself. We were told to quarantine for 14 days, which they did. During this time, he was unable to access his office for fear of spreading this virus. As soon as he was able to enter his office again he filed the required report. This was an extraordinary circumstance for him, as well as many others in the country. He was fortunate that his family came through this ordeal with their health intact. Considering these circumstances, he is asking that you waive the late fee.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No
Reassessed Late Fees: No

Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No

WASKOM MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC

March 16, 2021

Board of Ethics
Post Office Box 4368
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821

Re: Robert Owsley
10-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 8 days late

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please consider this a request for a waiver of the late fee for failing to file the 10-G Campaign report in a timely manner. I have acted as Treasurer for Robert Owsley in his campaign for Natchitoches City Court Judge, filing his campaign reports timely. Unfortunately, my entire family was diagnosed with COVID on November 18, 2020. This included my wife, child and grandchildren as well as myself. We were told to quarantine for 14 days, which we did. During this time, I was unable to access my office for fear of spreading this virus. As soon as I was able to enter my office again, I filed the required report. This was an extraordinary circumstance for me, as well as many others in the country. I am fortunate that my family has come through this ordeal with their health intact. Considering these circumstances, I am therefore asking that you waive this late fee.

Sincerely,



Lee Waskom

MURCHISON AND MURCHISON, L.L.C.

*Post Office Box 226
Natchitoches, Louisiana 71458-0226
318-352-2302
Fax: 318-238-2302*

FAX TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET

Date:	<i>March 17, 2021</i>
To:	Louisiana Board of Ethic
Fax:	1-225-381-7271
Re:	10-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 8 days late
Sender:	Robert C. Owsley/Jenny Settle

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January 24, 2022

Mr. Lee Waskom
Murchison and Murchison, LLC
P. O. Box 226
Natchitoches, LA 71458-0226

RE: Ethics Board Docket No.: 2022

Dear Mr. Waskom:

You recently requested a waiver of the late fee assessed against you for filing your campaign finance disclosure report late in connection with the November 3, 2020 election. The request stated that you and your family were diagnosed with COVID) on November 18, 2020 and had to quarantine for 14 days. If you would like the Board to consider your medical situation for the late filing, you must provide documentation verifying your claim. You only need to provide documentation concerning yourself. The information you provide will only be reviewed by the Ethics Board.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at the above number.

Please submit the documentation to the above address by **February 28, 2022.**

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Melissa Horn

STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
acting in its capacity as the
SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE

In Re: Robert Owsley
November 3, 2020 Election

LATE FEE ASSESSMENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Robert Owsley, in his capacity as a candidate for City Judge, City Court, City of Natchitoches in the November 3, 2020 election was required to file campaign finance reports pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1484.

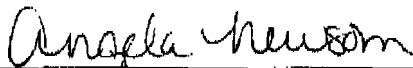
WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:1505.1 provides that it is a violation of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act to fail to timely file campaign finance reports.

WHEREAS, in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1495.4B(5), Robert Owsley was required to file a 10th Day Prior to General Report (10-G) by November 25, 2020. Robert Owsley filed the report on December 3, 2020 and was 8 days late.

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(2)(a)(ii) provides that an automatic late fee of \$60 per day (not to exceed \$2,000) be assessed against Robert Owsley for this late filing.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that a late fee of \$480 is assessed against Robert Owsley for failure to timely file his campaign finance disclosure report.

ORDER signed on the 25th day of February 2021 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



Angela Newsom, Director
Campaign Finance & Lobbying Division



STATE OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE CIVIL SERVICE
LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

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February 25, 2021

Robert Owsley
616 Front St.
Natchitoches, LA 71457-5850

CERTIFIED MAIL

NO. 70200640000079871506

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

RE: Late fee assessment for the November 3, 2020 Election
10-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 8 days late

Dear Robert Owsley:

Enclosed is an assessment of a late fee pursuant to La R.S. 18:1505.4 and La. R.S. 18:1511.4.1. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of \$480 payable to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana to P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. **Please note that late fees can only be paid by the candidate or by his campaign.**

You have 20 days from receipt of this letter to dispute this assessment. You may elect to do either or both of the following:

1. You may submit your request for a waiver to the attention of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Waivers are handled by the Ethics Board. The Board of Ethics may reduce, suspend, or decline to waive a late fee assessment based on the cause shown by the person, candidate, or political committee. If you submit a request for a waiver of the late fee to the Board of Ethics, your request should contain details as to why, in your opinion, you have good cause why your report was not timely filed. Also, if you would like to appear before the Board of Ethics in connection with your request, you should state that in your letter. The request should be submitted to the attention of the Board of Ethics at the following address: P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

2. You may appeal the assessment directly to the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB).

Appeals to the EAB are proceedings before a three judge panel. The determination is made regarding whether the person, candidate, or political committee was required to file the report and whether the report was filed late. **Mitigating factors are not considered during an EAB proceeding. The EAB does not have the authority to reduce, suspend, or waive a late fee assessment.** If you choose to appeal the assessment to the EAB, you should submit your request for an appeal to the attention of the Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Board of Ethics at P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

If you timely submit a waiver request or appeal, your name will not be posted on the website pending the result of your appeal. Furthermore, if you request an appearance, you will be notified of the place and time prior to the meeting.

If you do not **pay or dispute** the assessment of the late fee within 20 days from the receipt of this letter, the matter will be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office to pursue collection. If the matter is forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for collection, you may be responsible for all additional costs incurred. Additionally, late fees not paid by the due date will be posted on the agency website.

You should be aware that unpaid campaign finance fines, fees or penalties may have an adverse effect on your ability to run for public office in the future, as the Board of Ethics will object to your future qualifications for candidacy for public office pursuant to La. R.S. 18:491 and R.S. 18:492.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Melissa Horn



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